

# The River Church

## City Wide Gathering May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019

River Kids Program  
Little Dippers Pre-School Program  
Service Starts 10:00 am



**About Us:** The River Churches' guiding ideas are these: 'GET REAL' Grace-Filled, Engaged, Truthful, Relational, Experiential, Authentic, Loving. One way we live this out, is by embracing a Simple Church Hybrid Model. The 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month we gather together in smaller gatherings, called Simple Churches. One of which, meets at Don Ross Secondary School (DRSS). On the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday we host what is called a CWG (City Wide Gathering), where all the Simple Churches gather together at DRSS. This allows us to GET REAL and be the kind of people God has called us to be in this community. When we have a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in a month, we do something we call "Brunch Sundays". The early church was said to have regular times where they gathered to break bread, and enjoy a meal together. These Brunch Sundays are our attempt at making that happen. To learn more about what makes The River unique, please check out our website at [www.intheriver.ca](http://www.intheriver.ca)

**Mission Statement:** We are a network of Simple Churches, immersed in the grace of God, created to be rivers of life (rivers of healing / rivers of mercy / rivers of kindness etc.) to our city and beyond.

**Our Vision:** Our Vision is simply...Jesus. Apprentices of Jesus, creating apprentices of Jesus who live by faith, are known by love, and a voice of hope.

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### Money, Faith & Worship:

(as at Apr 30 <sup>th</sup> )	Year-to-Date	Prior YTD	Variance
Revenue	\$ 121,308	\$ 151,340	\$ (33,033)
Expenses	<u>\$ 122,367</u>	<u>\$ 128,792</u>	<u>\$ (4,455)</u>
	\$ (1,059)	\$ 22,548	\$ (23,607)

Thank you to all of you who faithfully give to support the River. It's because of your faithful, sacrificial gift, that the River Church Family has the presence it does in our wonderful community.

We thank God for each and every one of you.

### Upcoming Church Gatherings

May 19<sup>th</sup> – Simple Church

May 26<sup>th</sup> – City Wide @ Don Ross

June 2<sup>nd</sup> – Simple Church

June 9<sup>th</sup> – City Wide @ Don Ross

June 16<sup>th</sup> – Simple Church

June 23<sup>rd</sup> – City Wide @ Don Ross

June 30<sup>th</sup> – Brunch Sunday



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# News & Events

**Mon May 13<sup>th</sup> Men's Group:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of each month. 7:30pm Contact Jim or Richard  
[www.intheriver.ca/community/mens-group](http://www.intheriver.ca/community/mens-group)

**Sun May 19<sup>th</sup> Relationship, Marriage and Pre-Marriage Nights:** 7:30-9pm @ the Bean Coffee Shop. Pastors open a particular topic, then couples work together. Geared for anyone, followers of Jesus or not. Cost is \$20 per couple (cash only). ***Plan on attending? Please indicate 'Going' on the Facebook event.***  
<https://www.intheriver.ca/events/marriage-and-pre-marriage-date-nights/2019-03-14>

**Wed May 22<sup>nd</sup> Elder Gatherings - Board & Prayer:** The River models an open culture; anyone can visit an elder meeting. Meetings on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of each month. 2nd is a standard meeting; 4th is where CORE leaders pray for the River Family by name. Contact Darcy or Kenda for info.  
<https://www.intheriver.ca/events/elder-gatherings-board-prayer/2018-09-12>

**Thurs May 23<sup>rd</sup> Faith on Tap:** 7:30pm @ The Reimer's  
<https://www.intheriver.ca/community-1/faith-on-tap>

**Fri May 31<sup>st</sup> Simple Church & Elders Training Weekend:** Mandatory for all Simple Church & Elders and Future Leaders  
<https://www.intheriver.ca/events/simple-church-elders-training-weekend/2019-05-03>

**Tues Jun 4<sup>th</sup> Women's Group:** 7:30pm @ Dorothy's (#32-40653 Tantalus Rd)  
<https://www.intheriver.ca/events/womens-group/2019-02-05>

**Sun Jun 9<sup>th</sup> Elderly Hymn Service:** 2-3pm @ Hilltop House. Contact Dorothy Wikkerink [dorothyrenema@hotmail.com](mailto:dorothyrenema@hotmail.com) or 604-849-6205

## Fueling Thought

Philosopher Jacques Maritain once said that the culmination of knowledge is not conceptual but experiential: I feel God. Such is the promise of the Scriptures: Be still and know (experience) that I am God.

I mean simply that a living, and loving God can and does make His presence felt, can and does speak to us in the silence of our hearts, can and does warm and caress us till we no longer doubt that He is near, that He is here. Such experience is pure grace to the poor” in spirit.

– Brennan Manning Ragamuffin Gospel



# Living Out Jesus' Love

## Children's Programs

**River Kids:** The Vision of River Kids is for kids to have a safe place where they know God's love, learn what it means to be like Jesus and experience the power of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

**Leaders:** All teachers in our children's programs are members of the River Church and have completed criminal record checks. For safety, we follow the policies and procedures outlined in Plan To Protect. If you have any questions regarding our children's ministries please contact Kenda Reimer at [kendar@intheriver.ca](mailto:kendar@intheriver.ca)

**Little Dippers (infant to school age):** We have teachers on a rotation however, parents are welcome to stay with their children if need be. The format we use is story, pray, play. Whenever possible we use the carpeted room beside the main meeting space. If unavailable, we set up inside the hallway across from the gym. If you would like to be on this rotation, contact Kenda.

**River Kids (kindergarten to Gr.6):** The kids are dismissed after the singing. Children this age are taught the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month.

## Young Life (Gr.7 to 12):

If you're a teen ages 13-18 and looking to connect with other youth city wide who follow Jesus or are interested in Jesus please contact Allyson Huguet, our Young Life Leader for Squamish at [www.facebook.com/pages/SquamishYoungLife](https://www.facebook.com/pages/SquamishYoungLife).

## Global Missions

**CMA Families:** Part of your general giving helps to fund one Canadian CMA missionary family worldwide. We have adopted Gaileen who is working in the Caribbean Sun Region. To receive her prayer updates please check out our website.

## Simple Churches (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays)

**Sunday Night Simple Church:** 5:45–8:30pm Contact: Heather & Andrew 778-991-0674 [lucyandpumpkin@gmail.com](mailto:lucyandpumpkin@gmail.com), or Claudia & Peter 604-898-9676 [claudiauweiland@gmail.com](mailto:claudiauweiland@gmail.com)

**Tantalus Simple Church:** 5:30–8:30pm Contact: Jim & Grace Neudorf [mail4jimn@gmail.com](mailto:mail4jimn@gmail.com) or 604-898-4277

**Paradise Valley Simple Church:** 10am, ending with a meal @ Rolf & Christine Rutishauser's in Paradise Valley. [rcruti@gmail.com](mailto:rcruti@gmail.com)

**Don Ross Simple Church:** 10am. Darcy & Kenda will be leading at Don Ross, this way there is always a gathering there. Our hope for this Simple Church is to become a launch-pad for other Simple Churches.

## Growth Streams

**Women's Group:** 1st Tuesday of each month 7:30-9:30 @ Dorothy's. Practice listening to God's voice and try some ways of meeting with Jesus that people have been using throughout the ages. Group is open to everyone. <https://www.intheriver.ca/events/womens-group/2019-02-05>

**Men's Group:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of each month. 7:30pm Contact Jim or Richard [www.intheriver.ca/community/mens-group](http://www.intheriver.ca/community/mens-group)

**Listening Prayer Ministry:** Are you feeling stuck? What if Jesus wants to come alongside and speak into that? Listening Prayer is wonderful for encouragement, inner healing and giving any burdens to Jesus that were never meant to be carried alone. Contact Claudia [claudiauweiland@gmail.com](mailto:claudiauweiland@gmail.com)

**Faith on Tap:** Meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of the month at 8pm. [www.intheriver.ca/community/faith-on-tap](http://www.intheriver.ca/community/faith-on-tap)